

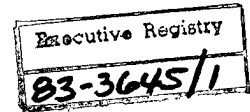


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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to transmit the Report on CIA Assessments of the Soviet Economy which has been prepared by an independent panel of experts managed by the Department of Commerce.

You will recall that this project was initiated at your request based on a recommendation by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board that "an accurate judgment concerning the Soviet economy may be critical to future policy decisions".

I am also enclosing a short evaluation of the Report by Under Secretary Lionel Olmer who directed the operations of the Panel. Based on his highlights I believe that the Report merits the attention of the National Security Council and others in the Administration with responsibilities for international economic affairs.

Sincerely,

Secretary of Commerce

Enclosures

Not referred to DOC. Waiver applies.

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